

Four oil workers, policeman killed in Imo

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ABOUT four workers of Lee Engineering Company operating in Assa community in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of Imo State and a police officer attached to the oil company were killed in the early hours of Monday

in the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), CSP Michael Abatham, confirmed the incident to *Nigerian Tribune* in a telephone chat on Monday afternoon.

Abatham said the oil workers and policeman were found dead after gunmen ambushed them on Monday morning.

The police spokesperson said no arrest had been

made yet, but added that investigation was already on to unravel the circumstances surrounding the attack.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the oil workers were on transit to their oil plant in the community when the gunmen opened fire on them.

Four persons died on the spot while others sustained gunshot injuries.

A village source told *Ni-*

gerian Tribune that the oil plant in the community was under construction by the oil company.

The national president of Congress of Ohaji Youths, Emmanuel Chinonye Ugorji, also confirmed the attack to *Nigeria Tribune* in Owerri.

He said some community leaders and security agencies had visited the scene of the incident.

Ugorji called on the government to beef up security in the area, adding that the gunmen had been terrorising the area in recent times.

He said: "The first attack by this group was on Oil Serve Company and second was the kidnapping of the Cluster Development Board chairman, Godswill Uzomba, whose whereabouts remain unknown for the past three

months; it was then followed by the burning of ZEROC equipment at Watersmith industrial park by a known criminal gang."

The President-General of the Assa Autonomous Community, Bartholomew Obodo, also confirmed the attack to *Nigerian Tribune*, just as he called on the Federal Government to come to the rescue of his people.

One dead 12 buses